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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

¶1. (C) On April 12 poloff presented reftel message A to Demetra Christodoulou in the MFA's Division of Multilateral Affairs subsequent to Ambassador's April 8 conversation with FM Iacovou on the same subject (reftel B) and the DCM's meeting with Presidential Diplomatic Advisor Tassos Tzionis. Christodoulou did not comment on whether Cyprus would support Venezuela's candidacy, but she acknowledged that Venezuela's behavior at recent international meetings had been counterproductive. She agreed to pass the talking points to her director.

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